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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/738,382	Applicant(s) JUNG, SOON-GIL	
	Examiner Bao Q. Vu	Art Unit 2838	

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**Period for Reply**

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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.  
     4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
     a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The phrase of claim 1 "the variable capacitor comprises a transistor having a first terminal, a second terminal and a third terminal, the first terminal coupled to the output terminal of the first amplifier, and the second terminal and third terminal coupled to the second terminal of the second amplifier." Is not shown in the drawings. Please disclose exactly where this connection can be found in the drawings and cite the specific section of the specification that has this feature. Claim 3 also has the same problem.

### ***Drawings***

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the variable capacitor comprises a transistor having a first terminal, a second terminal and a third terminal, the first terminal coupled to the output terminal of the first amplifier, and the second terminal and third terminal coupled to the second terminal of the second amplifier must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Lusher et al. (USP 5,640,082). Lusher discloses (figure 2) an amplifier (unlabeled), a second amplifier (117) and a variable capacitor (13).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 7-10, 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lusher et al. (USP 5,640,082) in view of Voo (USP 6,566,846). Lusher discloses the claimed invention except for the use of a plurality of regulators having a control circuit (programmable) and load being equidistant from the plurality of voltage regulators. Voo discloses that it is known in the art to provide the use of a plurality of regulators having a control circuit (programmable) and load being equidistant from the plurality of voltage regulators. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to provide the plurality of regulators having a control circuit (programmable) and load being equidistant from the plurality of voltage regulators of Voo with the controlled switched variable capacitance of Lusher, in order to provide a plurality of voltages at each regulator outputs and to provide redundancy in the case of failure of one of the regulators.

8. Claims 3, 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lusher et al. (USP 5,640,082) in view of Brokaw (USP 5,686,821). Lusher discloses the claimed invention except for the voltage divided output of the low dropout voltage regulator. Brokaw discloses that it is known in the art to provide the voltage divided output of the low dropout voltage regulator. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to provide the voltage divided output of the low dropout voltage regulator of Brokaw with the controlled switched variable capacitance of Lusher, in order to provide ratio-ed sensed output of the switching regulator.

### ***Conclusion***

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao Q. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-2088. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Fridays, 8:00AM- 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael S. Sherry can be reached on (571) 272-2084. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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